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Dear Dr. Kuiper,

After carefully considering your generous offer concerning summer research at McDonald -- and after it was pointed out that Europe will always be as far away from this country as it is now, which is not the case for Mars -- I accept with delight.

I have informed the National Science Foundation that I am planning a summer study program. This will provide all my living expenses and also pour some 7 hundred dollars ~~into~~ of tuition into the coffers of the University. I expect to be able to arrive at Fort Davis around June 16, and I have no formal commitments until the beginning of school in October.

As references for the summer's work I have been reading de Vaucouleurs, and The Atmospheres of the Earth and Planets. Would you recommend some others? Also, would it be possible for me to borrow a copy of ~~the~~ your forthcoming paper on planetary evolution that you mentioned in our last talk?

I will be at Yerkes for the neighborhood meeting on Saturday, May 5, at which time I will <sup>better</sup> perhaps be able to articulate my appreciation for <sup>inviting me to</sup> ~~the opportunity to~~ associate with you on this work somewhat better.

Respectfully,